

IN THE CLAIMS

1-10. (Canceled)

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11. (Currently Amended) An operation and display section of an operation unit for an image forming apparatus, comprising:

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a touch screen panel substantially centered on the operation unit;
numeral keys and an enter key located at a right-hand side of the touch screen panel;
a clear/stop key located to a right-hand side of the numeral keys and the enter key;
a start key located to a right-hand side of the clear/stop key and having a larger diameter than the numeral keys;
a program key, a reset/preheat key, and an interrupt key located above the numeral keys and the enter key;
a trial copy key located beneath the interrupt key and on the right-hand side of the numeral keys and the enter key;
a multi-functional set/counter key located to a top left-hand side of the touch screen panel, the set/counter key configured to vary initial set values and operating conditions in accordance with conditions of use; and
a copy key, a copy server key, and a printer key located below the set/counter key and located to a left-hand side of the touch screen panel.

12-25. (Canceled)

26. (Previously Presented) The operation and display section of claim 11, wherein the reset/preheat key is arranged on the left-hand side of and is independent of the interrupt key.

27. (Previously Presented) The operation and display section of claim 11, wherein the program key is positioned on the left-hand side of and is independent of the reset/preheat key.

28. (Previously Presented) The operation and display section of claim 11, wherein the trial copy key is arranged above the start key.

29. (Previously Presented) The operation and display section of claim 11, wherein the copy key, the copy server key, and the printer key are arranged in a vertical array.

30-35. (Canceled)

36. (Currently Amended) An image forming apparatus having an operation unit, wherein an operation and display section of the operation unit comprises:

a touch-screen panel; and

a multifunctional set/counter key arranged at a top left of the touch-screen panel on the operation and display section of the operation unit, the set/counter key configured to vary initial set values and operating conditions in accordance with conditions of use.

37. (Currently Amended) An image forming apparatus having an operation unit, wherein an operation and display section of the operation unit comprises:

a touch-screen panel;

a multifunctional set/counter key, the set/counter key configured to vary initial set values and operating conditions in accordance with conditions of use; and

a copy key, a copy server key, and a printer key each arranged at a left-hand side of the touch-screen panel, below the set/counter key on the operation and display section of the operation unit.

38. (Previously Presented) The image forming apparatus of claim 37, wherein the copy key, the copy server key, and the printer key are arranged in a vertical array.

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39. (Currently Amended) An image forming apparatus having an operation unit, wherein an operation and display section of the operation unit comprises:

a touch-screen panel;

numeral keys;

an enter key;

a clear/stop key arranged at a right-hand side of and independently of the numeral keys and the enter key;

a program key, a reset/preheat key, and an interrupt key arranged above the numeral keys and the enter key;

a trial key arranged at a right-hand side of and independently of the numeral keys and the enter key;

a multifunctional set/counter key arranged at a top left of a touch screen-panel, the set/counter key configured to vary initial set values and operating conditions in accordance with conditions of use; and

a copy key, a copy server key, and a printer key arranged at a left-hand side of the touch-screen panel, below the set/counter key.